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1. PRESIDENT SADAT'S TOUR OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES CONTINUED TO GET FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OVER WEEKEND. THIS PHASE OF TRIP, WHICH BEGAN IN ABU SIMBEL APRIL 11, BILLED AS "ON THE SPOT FOLLOW UP" OF GOE PROGRAM FOR FOOD AND HOUSING SECURITY. PAPERS STRESSED WARM WELCOME ACCORDED SADAT BY CITIZENRY AND CARRIED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF HIS VISITS TO AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS.

2. APRIL 15 FOUND SADAT AND ENTOURAGE IN THE ASWAN AREA WHERE HE TOURED POULTRY AND FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS AROUND LAKE NASSER AND LAID FOUNDATION STONE FOR BRICK FACTORY IN WADI KARKAAR. PRESIDENT LATER WENT ON A CRUISE OF LAKE NASSER TO INSPECT FISHING OPERATIONS AND INAUGURATE A FISHING COMPLEX ON EAST BANK. PRESS NOTED AIRLIFT TO CAIRO OF TEN TONS OF FISH REPORTEDLY ORDERED BY SADAT TO HELP RELIEVE FISH SHORTAGE IN MARKET.

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3. PRESIDENT'S CAVALCADE ARRIVED AT DESHNAA IN THE QENA GOVERNORATE MORNING APRIL 16 TO INAUGURATE "HUGE" NEW SUGAR PLANT. AFTER LISTENING TO DETAILED EXPLANATION OF SUGAR PROCESSING, SADAT REPORTEDLY ORDERED MINAGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION TO EXPAND AREAS UNDER SUGAR CANE CULTIVATION IN ORDER TO MAKE SUGAR AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL

CONSUMPTION.

4. PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO PRESS, IS EXPECTED TO RESUME HIS INSPECTION TOUR WITH APRIL 17 VISIT TO NAG HAMMADI ALUMINUM COMPLEX. SADAT WILL REPORTEDLY DELIVER AN IMPORTANT SPEECH AT HUGE POPULAR RALLY IN SOHAG GOVERNORATE APRIL 18. SPEECH, ACCORDING TO PRESS, WILL DEAL WITH MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF NATIONAL ACTION AND THE NECESSITY OF IMPLEMENTING "GREEN REVOLUTION".

5. COMMENT: RECURRING THEME STRESSED BY SADAT THROUGHOUT TRIP HAS BEEN NECESSITY FOR FOOD SECURITY--A CONCERN UNDOUBTEDLY SHARED BY MOST OF EGYPT'S POPULATION. PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SPEAKING, HOWEVER, IN ALMOST VISIONARY TERMS OF AN EGYPT COMPLETELY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOOD BY THE YEAR 2000. AS NOTED REFTEL, THIS VISION DOES LITTLE TO STEM DAILY CRITICISM OF GOE'S CURRENT FOOD POLICIES. FURTHER, NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE BY SADAT OF PRESSING POPULATION PROBLEM, OTHER SIDE OF FOOD SUPPLY COIN. EILTS

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